

## REMARKS

The present *Preliminary Amendment* is presented in an effort to provide a set of Claims more closely aligned with US practice, including removing multi-dependency from the published PCT Claims.

Further, a benefit statement, if necessary, is included.

No fees beyond the concurrently paid filing fees for this application are believed due for this *Preliminary Amendment*. Nonetheless, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is given herein should fees be due.

Should the Examiner have any questions or reservations regarding the present *Preliminary Amendment*, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 404.885.2773.

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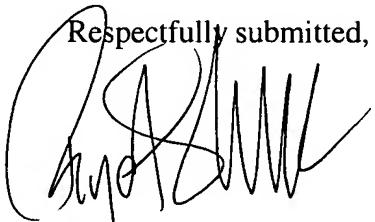
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